
 The lid has a circumferential sealing web 20 on the inside relative to seal 11, which only tightly contacts the inside wall of the bucket along part of its height, specifically in the region 20' of the bottom end of the web in this example, which is located roughly at the height of reinforcing rib 16 or the snap edge. Web 20, which essentially projects vertically downward, is located at the height of an inwardly projecting shoulder 21 of the inside wall of the bucket and at a slight vertical distance from it.

When slight vertical pressure is applied to the lid, rib 20 rests on indentation 21. Indentation 21 is delimited on the inside by a circumferential ridge 22, in place of which individual projections can also be provided, where ridge 22 extends above the bottom edge of web 20 and prevents the inward movement of web 20. Web 20 can also be received in a press fit between ridge 22 and the adjacent, outer wall area of the bucket. Web 20 is angled slightly outward, so that the sealing region of web 20, i.e. the bottom edge of the same (see Fig. 2) would come to rest radially outside the inside wall of the bucket when the lid is removed. In this case, the thickness of the bottom edge roughly corresponds to the rib thickness, preferably more than 1/4 of the same, where it is slightly tapered here. As a result, radially pretensioned contact with the inside wall of the container is consistently achieved when the lid is on.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 16 as follows:

 A circumferential, radially inside edge 23, which slopes slightly down towards the inside or is essentially horizontal, is integrally moulded on web 20 above the sealing region 20' and below the seal 11 in the region of the top edge of the container (cf. also Fig. 4), on which inwardly facing bevels 24 or, in areas with a wider edge, essentially vertical wall areas 25 are integrally moulded in segments, which transition into the horizontal lid area 26 at the same height.

In this context, wall areas 25, as part of the projections, are integrally moulded on circumferential edge 23 in the circumferential direction of the lid in alternating fashion with bevels 24. Vertically extending side walls 29a of the projections integrally moulded on web 20 are thus avoided. In addition, material stresses acting on the two sealing regions are minimised by the vertical spacing of web 20 or when the top side of the projections does not have an edge. Area 26 is located below snap edge 6, where its outside diameter is dimensioned, as shown, such that it is possible to stack buckets. This results in projections with a triangular cross-section that are integrally moulded on a trapezoidal groove open towards the bottom.

Please amend the first paragraph on page 17 as follows:

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The essentially vertical leg of U-shaped top edge 4 transitions towards the outside into a bevel 15, thus forming a stepped shoulder. Snap edge 6 is integrally moulded below this shoulder, where a radial, circumferential reinforcing rib 16 is integrally moulded between the snap edge and the shoulder, at the height of the shoulder here, which, in this example, is flush towards the outside with snap edge 6 and has a corresponding width, i.e. vertical extension. The bottom edge of reinforcing rib 16 is designed to correspond to that of snap edge 6, so that snap edge 7 of the lid can also engage the groove located between edges 6 and 16, to which end the top edge of snap edge 6 also slopes down towards the outside.

When completely snapped on, the edge of the lid thus rests against the outer edge of snap edge 6 and/or reinforcing rib 16, so that, together with sealing web 20, force is applied to both sides of the top region of the container. The vertically symmetrical application of force, in particular, results in very good leak-proofness. This is also enhanced by the U-shaped design of the top region of the container, which can be laterally compressed by a tension force. A slight gap can be provided between bevel 15 and sliding bevel 17 of the lid located above it.

Please amend the third full paragraph on page 18 as follows:

34 As shown in Fig. 4, circumferential edge 23 of the lid, which is located on the inside of bucket wall 3, is provided with segments 28, 29 of different radial width, this resulting in an effective reinforcing profile, in order to absorb forces on the sealing region of web 20 or seal 11. According to the example, the circumferential extension of segments 28, 29 is a multiple of their width. Bevels 24 and vertical wall areas 25 end at the same distance from the main axis of the bucket, where areas 30 delimiting bevel 24 on the side are inclined towards the periphery of the lid. Areas 25, 29 and 29a thus border projections 25a.

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 19 as follows:

35 Figure 6 shows another practical example, in which projections 29 with essentially vertical reinforcing ribs 46 are provided on provided on the inside of the lid, which are connected to the outer, essentially vertical and essentially horizontal areas of projecting segments 29 and end in front of circumferential sealing web 20. The distance to sealing web 20 can also be relatively small, e.g. in the region of the wall thickness of rib 46 or less. The reinforcing ribs can also extend up to sealing web 20, where they preferably do not, however, contact the sealing edge in linear fashion, in order to avoid leaks due to shrinkage, particularly not at the height of the sealing contact area of the sealing rib on the

inside wall of the container. Reinforcing ribs 45 of such design can also be correspondingly provided on an inside, circumferential edge of the lid, which is not divided into projecting and receding areas. Ribs 46 are flush with the bottom edge of the lid region. They can also support lid area 26 if necessary.

Please amend the last paragraph on page 20 as follows:

As shown in the stacking diagram in Fig. 7, reinforcing ribs 46 can simultaneously serve the purpose of providing support on the lid below and rest in linear or punctiform fashion on the top side of inside projections 29 or the circumferential edges. In addition, the lid is supported on the lid below by web 47, projecting downwards below the snap edge, resting on circumferential shoulder 48 surrounding sliding bevel 17. In this context, sealing web 20 is at a distance from the adjacent lid and can, if necessary, also rest on it.

Please amend the "List of reference numbers" on page 22 as follows:

- 1 Bucket
- 2 Lid
- 3 Outer wall
- 4 Top edge

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- 5 Collar
- 6, 7 Snap edge
- 8 Outer flank
- 9 Rib
- 10 Flank
- 11 Seal
- 11a Sealing rib
- 12 Vertical section
- 13 Bevel
- 14 Cavity
- 15 Bevel
- 16 Reinforcing rib
- 17 Sliding bevel
- 18 Shoulder
- 19 Tamper-proof seal
- 20 Sealing web
- 21 Indentation
- 22 Ridge
- 23, 24 Bevel
- 25 Wall
- 25a Projection

IN THE CLAIMS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The